

Saturday - 1 September 1951

1. During a dinner party at the Greenbriar Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, Mr. Peyton Ford, the Deputy Attorney General stated that he had approved a series of proposals regarding our alien affairs, and we agreed that in view of the fact that Mr. Ford was leaving the Government on 15 September, a meeting should be had with him, at which time he would undertake ~~that~~ to brief his successor, Mr. A. Devitt Vanech and Mr. McNerney, Chief of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Mr. Ford informed me that he proposed to remove all internal security matters from the Deputy's office and place them under Mr. McNerney in the Criminal Division. On a confidential basis he informed me that Mr. Vanech was completely under the control of the FBI and now that Mr. Ford was leaving only Mr. McNerney was strong enough to say "no" to the FBI. He, therefore, felt it would be best to place our alien problems with the Criminal Division. He also informed me that while Mr. J. Edgar Hoover held the highest personal opinion for General Smith, this would not affect any relationships where the FBI prerogatives were involved.

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